

Mark Tillinger  
Opening Statement

Good afternoon, Senator Looney and Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Mark Tillinger and I am honored to be appearing in front of the Committee, and to be Governor Rell's nominee as an Ad Hoc member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. I have been a resident of Connecticut for almost 20 years, and have lived in Bridgeport for 10 of those years. I love the great State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport, and am excited about the opportunity to work for and in the best interests of Connecticut's municipalities by helping the CRRA achieve it's mission.

I believe that my educational, business, and civic background, give me the skills, experiences, and expertise necessary to successfully fulfill my Board responsibilities, and to be a valuable member of the Board of the CRRA.

My higher educational background consists of a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, received in 1981 from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, received in 1982, also from Vanderbilt University. My time at Vanderbilt provided me with strong skills in critical thinking, analytical problem solving, and a deep background in economics, finance, and business management. I have been able to leverage these skills in a successful 28 year business career.

My business career is highlighted by my time at Accenture, one of the world's largest consulting companies. I began my career with Accenture following my graduation from Vanderbilt in 1982, and with a short hiatus to run the business strategy and cash management group for a Tennessee Bank from 1985-1987, I spent the last 28 years with Accenture. My Accenture career recently ended with my retirement in January 2010. During my career at Accenture, I held several leadership positions, including running the Financial Services practice for the Eastern United States, as well as serving as the Global Head of Strategy for the Financial Services practice. In addition, I was responsible for the Firm's relationships with some of the world's largest financial services companies. These experiences gave me a strong track record and expertise in working with organizations on complex projects and issues, as well as bringing diverse groups of leaders together to solve difficult problems. I have also become an expert in business and financial management, having consulted with many of the largest and most complex organizations in the world on these and other topics. In addition to my Accenture experience, I also actively manage commercial and residential investment interests. I believe these skills and 28 years of consulting and management experience will make me a strong asset to the Board of the CRRA.

In addition to my business experience, I also am active in educational and philanthropic organizations. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Housatonic Community College Foundation in Bridgeport, as well as the Board of Visitors of Vanderbilt University

in Nashville, TN. I am also the Chairperson of the Finance Board of St. Ann R.C. Church in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport. This experience as a member of other Boards of Directors gives me the skills required to work as a successful Board Member of the CRRA. I am also in the process of starting a Foundation who's mission is to provide funding for pet cancer care to deserving pet owners.

In summary, I feel that my strong educational and business background, coupled with my experience as a member of other Boards of Directors, gives me the requisite experience and expertise to be a valuable and contributing member of the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. I am excited by the opportunity to further serve the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport.

I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have for me. Thank you.